

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A map relationship displaying method comprising the steps of:

acquiring server definition data representing the outline of a server;

acquiring application definition data representing the outline of an application;

generating a relationship from said server definition data and said application definition data;

displaying a list of said server definition data and a list of said application definition data on display means;

displaying, object hierarchical structure data of said server, object hierarchical structure data of said application, a relationship between an object of said server and an object of said application, and object data retrieved from said server, on said display means; and

deciding the relationship on the basis of a confirmation operation inputted from indication means.

2. A map relationship displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein in displaying the object hierarchical structure, the form of display is changed depending on the type of a parent/child relationship between objects.

3. A map relationship displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein in displaying the object hierarchical structure, an object of the lowermost layer

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and an object of an intermediate layer are distinctively displayed.

4. A map relationship displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein in displaying the object relationship, the similarity of the relationship is displayed in a form reflected by the type of line or the thickness of line.

5. A map relationship displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the object relationship is displayed so that child objects of related objects and objects subsequent to the child objects are omitted.

6. A map relationship displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the object relationship is displayed in the order of a degree of certainty representing the height of degree of association between objects.

7. A map relationship displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the object hierarchical structure and/or the object relationship are displayed with distinction for each view selected by a user.

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